

Steubenville (O.) Gazette: The secret of Tom Johnson's success: "The common people heard him gladly."

Fremont (Neb.) Leader: Over in Cleveland, O., there is a man named Hanna who is just now afflicted with a smile that won't stay put.

Washta (Ia.) Journal: If the republicans are so anxious to have Grover Cleveland run for president again, they ought to nominate him themselves.

Kosciusko (Miss.) Ledger: Again Secretary Shaw has come to the relief of Wall street. That unique and delicate presidential boom requires this sort of careful nursing.

De Queen (Ark.) Bee: Cleveland went democratic. This doesn't refer to Grover, but to the city of that name. Grover deserted in 1896, and has been trying to pull the party after him ever since.

Pontiac (Ill.) Free Trader and Observer: The big steel trust has made public its net profits for the year 1902, showing the enormous sum of \$90,300,000. This is the concern which is protected by the tariff. Further comment is urnecessary.

Fairfield (Ill.) Sun: Somebody wants to know if President Roosevelt will insist upon putting a large family plank in the next republican platform. Of course. It might catch a few votes like the statehood plank in the last republican platform.

Potosi (Mo.) Independent: We suggest to those democrats who are monkeying with the reorganizers that they turn to the newspaper files of 1894 and carefully study them. There has been no change in democratic sentiment since that year.

Huntington (Ind.) News-Democrat: The Chicago Chronicle evidently does not cut much of a figure in Chicago politics. It opposed the election of Mayor Harrison and got left. If the Chronicle would support democrats it would have more influence as a democratic organ.

Tiffin (O.) News: Despite the combined influences of the trusts and monopolies and the republican party of the city, state and nation brought to bear on the result by Mark Hanna, Tom L. Johnson was re-elected mayor of Cleveland Monday by nearly ten thousand majority. Good for Johnson! How would Governor Johnson sound? Or President Johnson?

Sparta (Wis.) Democrat: Republican love for reciprocity is demonstrated by the fact that, of all the reciprocity treaties thus far negotiated, only one has been ratified, and that but partially so, while only one will not have expired by limitation when congress convenes. The one which will remain will be the New Foundland treaty which everyone admits has no chance of being approved.

Greenfield (Mo.) Advocate: democratic party may win in 1904, Much stranger things have happened. It may not win in 1904. But if it fights for principle it is not injured by defeat. It could not win in 1904 by nominating a bolter of 1896 and 1900. Nothing so strange as that ever happened nor ever will.

Manson (Ia.) Democrat: The Sioux City Journal jumps onto the Democrat for telling some truths about the attitude of the republican party toward labor unions. Will the esteemed Journal kindly point out the democratic judge who has ever issued any of the infamous injunctions against workingmen striking for their rights?

Will it also kindly cite us to a republican attorney general who has ever given union labor any preference over monopoly? And will it mention any republican state legislature that has ever passed laws giving to union labor the same privileges granted to monopoly?

Hannibal (Mo.) Journal: The Journal does not believe the democratic party was wrong in 1896 and 1900. It is not now going to be swayed about by every wind that blows. If to regain the bolters of '96 and 1900 it is necessary to duplicate the republican platforms, then there is nothing in democracy for the people. Better be defeated on principle than win on policy.

Elk Point (S. D.) Leader: On the Cuban question, on the Philippine question the disciples of Jefferson and Jackson speak in clearest tones. Faithful to the constitution, it has the courage of its faith and always will, because the very nature of its teachings is unalterably linked to self-government. Let the good work go forward until the faith of the people shall turn to it as of old-the champion of a progress only coupled with honor.

Fulton (Ill.) Journal: The Chicago Chronicle should go out into an alley and throw mud at itself for the next decade, for of all reckless and yellow sheets that one out-Herods Herod. While giving out that it is a democratic paper it has viciously traduced Harrison, Altgeld and Bryan, all Millionaire democratic leaders. Walsh has made a disgusting spectacle of his sheet in its attempt to down worthy men. He better call off his dogs or else come out as a republican paper and no longer seek to assassinate friends of democracy, under the guise of a democratic paper. We can respect an enemy who is a hard hitter and fights in the open, but the treacherous one, who while posing as your friend essays to stab in the back is in every sense despicable. Chronicle should haul down the democratic flag and run up the skull and cross bones-that is if it wants to fight under its true colors.

Des Moines (Ia.) Democrat: The Jefferson banquet in Des Moines, April 3, 1903, marks an epoch in the history of the democratic party of the state and nation. It was originally designed by its projectors to give expression to desire for reaffirmation of the Kansas City platform, but it grew and matured into a superb expression of all the essentials of democracy as taught by Jefferson. The three hundred guests who sat at the banqueting table and the hundreds who listened to the addresses will carry with them an abiding memory of the inspiring scene and the eloquent oratory of the occasion. There were no appeals to the spirit of partisanship; there were no invectives against the dominant party or its leaders; but there was an earnest appeal for a return to lofty ideals of the democracy of Jefferson, and a vigorous protest against every form of plutocracy and injustice. It was the voice of a militant and unconquerable democracy sounding the bugle call to action; the voice of a democracy undismayed by past reverses and resolved to battle for a righteous cause.

### Weakness of Battleships.

Disclosures of serious weaknesses in monster battleships and big guns are disquieting to those who hold that naval supremacy is necessary to the peace and safety of the United States.

The bursting of a big gun on the Iowa during target practice and the disablement of the Maine by the recoil of her batteries indicate that the practical limit of the weight of armament has been reached, if not passed, and that the theories of naval constructors need readjustment.

It is idle for navy officers to protest that the Maine is not structurally weak and explain in the same breath that the supports of her six-inch batteries are insufficient and the structures of her turrets "entirely inadequate to bear the strain of firing the bir guns." If the admitted want of strength is not "structural weakness," the term has no rational meaning.

Fortunately the defects noted have been developed in target practice instead of in battle, and it is to be presumed that the navy department and builders of battleships will profit by tne lesson and correct the errors of calculation and theory disclosed by the facts. Guns which kick harder than they shoot are not very formidable to an enemy-unless the enemy can be induced to capture them .-Philadelphia North American.

#### Small Matter in Philadelphia,

A very curious illustration of the slight respect entertained for legality in election matters was presented in Philadelphia last week. Before the license court an applicant testified that his son had voted twice and afterward let out that his son was not yet 21 when he cast the votes. Here was a statement under oath that a penal offense had been committed against the laws protecting the honesty of elections. It was made in the presence of the court. Yet no steps at all seem to have been taken. When such a declaration passes practically unnoticed in the judicial presence it certainly justifies some inquiry on the part of the public why a criminal information was not at once ordered .- Pittsburg Dispatch.

Washington Post: Somebody will have to make good for the \$40,000 Russell Sage had to fork over.



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